countries on 25 June, 2003 at Nyon near Geneva to discuss issues of common interest. The issues discussed in this meeting were Special Products, new Special Safeguard Mechanism for developing countries, domestic support modalities for developed countries in order to better address the distortions in world agriculture markets, and use of sanitary and phyto-sanitary measures to deny market access to developing countries.

(c) Government's priority in these negotiations is to safeguard the interests of the Indian farmers, *inter alia*, by providing appropriate levels of tariff protection on imports and taking into account our food security and livelihood concerns and increased market access for agricultural products of export interest to us.

(d) India has been building coalitions with other WTO Members holding similar interests and concerns. The negotiations are scheduled to be concluded by 1 January, 2005.

FDI cap in various sectors

2703. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are thinking of increasing FDI Cap in telecom, aviation, natural gas and liquefied natural gas sectors;

(b) whether Government are also thinking of increasing FDI to 100% in scientific and technical magazines, periodicals and journals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy, which includes sectoral caps on foreign equity participation, is reviewed on an ongoing basis. A Group of Ministers (GoM) on Foreign Direct Investment has recommended raising of FDI caps in the sectors of telecommunications, civil aviation, oil and natural gas for the consideration of the Cabinet.

(b) and (c) GoM on FDI has also recommended the proposal for placing the publication of scientific and technical magazines, periodicals and journals for 100% FDI through FIPB route, for the consideration of the Cabinet.